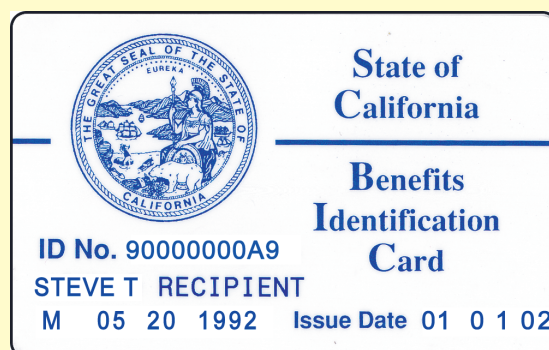# Coming**Soon!**

New Medi-Cal
BIC Numbers

Starting in January 2005, Medi-Cal will issue new Benefits Identification Cards (BICs) with a 14-character alphanumeric ID. The new cards will be phased in statewide. Current BICs have either a 10-character numeric or a 10-character alphanumeric ID number.

New BIC IDs are comprised of a nine-character alphanumeric ID with a check digit and a four-digit Julian date that matches the date of issue on the BIC. As part of the phase-in process, the new ID will be processed the same as a 10-character alphanumeric BIC ID. Once the statewide reissuance is completed, the 10-digit ID numbers will be phased out.

Current billing and eligibility verification practices are not affected at this time.

Medi-Cal offers a variety of methods that allow providers to verify recipient eligibility (refer to the Medi-Cal Part 1 Provider Manual, *Eligibility: Recipient Identification* section).

Note: Providers are responsible for verifying the recipient's identity and eligibility for services. Eligibility verification should be performed prior to rendering service using the information from the BIC ID.

State of California

Benefits Identification Card

ID No. 0123456784
JOHN Q RECIPIENT
M   05 20 1991   Issue Date 03 01 94

State of California

Benefits Identification Card

ID No. 90000000A9
STEVE T RECIPIENT
M   05 20 1992   Issue Date 01 0 1 02

State of California

Benefits Identification Card

ID No. 90000000A95001
SUE G RECIPIENT
F   05 20 1993   Issue Date 01 0 1 05

Please ensure manually entered BIC ID information is correct. Incorrect information could result in the following error messages:

Invalid subscriber ID - not a valid subscriber ID number/format
Record not found - valid BIC ID number/format, but no subscriber record
No recorded eligibility for MM/YY - valid BIC ID number/format, found subscriber record, but not eligible for month/year entered

The BIC illustrations are all valid ID versions.

- All numeric, 10 characters: 0123456784
- Alphanumeric, 10 characters: 90000000A9
- Alphanumeric, 14 character *(new)*: 90000000A95001